

# What to expect



## CLEARs

There are three types of clears we generally use: Rollclear, Rollglass and Strataglass. Rollclear is generally used where visual clarity is not the prime concern, the vast majority of clear we use is Rollglass and if superior clarity (particularly on large slants or tight curves) is required, Strataglass.

All clear materials only have a 2 year warranty, but a well kept set of clears with regular cleaning and maintenance can last up to 5 years, but they need to be looked after carefully.

## Things you should know about Clears

### 1 Clears do NOT like sunscreen



- Clears do not like coming into contact with sunscreen or fake tanning products, so make sure your hands are clean before rolling up u-shapes or sections of clear.
- In the rolling up process, it is normal and unavoidable to incur some scratching of the clears so please only roll them up as necessary.

### 3 Do NOT leave your clears rolled up



Clears are NOT a dimensionally stable material - This means that they will shrink given the opportunity, particularly in the first 12 months when new.

- ✗ **DO NOT leave your clears rolled up** (doorways, u-shapes, sections) for any significant length of time. Think no more than 8 hours when they are new.
- ✗ **Never leave clears rolled up overnight.** If you do unfortunately leave a clear rolled up overnight, make sure that you let the day warm up before trying to close it again. This is particularly important for Strataglass as it can crack in cool temperatures.

### 2 Leaking may occur through zips



- We use quality **Dabond UV treated stitching** and **YKK zipping** in both spiral and open ender zips.
- During manufacturing, the thread and needle penetrating the fabric make a bigger hole than the thread alone so all new clears will leak to some degree initially. This will seal up over time as the stitching swells and the fabric moves around.
- There is nothing that can be done to ensure there is no leakage at all through zips. In heavy rain, even YKK zips may allow some small beads of water through depending on the angle of the clears and their location.

### 4 Keeping your clears clean is important



- Keeping your clears clean & as free from dirt and salt as possible is key to their longevity. Keeping harsh chemicals away from your clears and stitching is imperative. Zips & clips should be lubricated regularly with a PTFE gel such as Starbrite Snap & Zipper lubricant. This can also help with leakage through your zips.

# Care Instructions Clears

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## Basic Care for Different Types of Clear\*

### Rollclear & Rollglass



Regular cleaning and polishing of your clears is critical to have them last as long as possible



1

**Rinse** clears with a hose to remove settled dust and dirt

2

Combine **Cleaner**:

- 50mls Dishwashing Liquid (Morning Fresh is our Preferred Cleaner)
- 4 Litres Water



3

**Using a soft broom**

Work cleaner into the cover



4

Wash off & Rinse thoroughly  
Dry with a soft Microfibre cloth if necessary



**Every 4-6 weeks**, clears should have a quality clear PVC **polish applied** such as IMAR protective polish.

This keeps your clears supple & makes it harder for salt and dirt to stick to them. Work to the details on the polish & always use a clean (preferably new) microfibre cloth to polish your clears.



For **small scratches in your clears**, there are scratch polishes that can be used to buff the scratches out. Novus make a range of these polishes for light to heavy scratches.



**Every 4-6 weeks** use a quality zipper lubricant on your zips after washing down your clears to keep them in top working condition & prevent corrosion of the zipper slide.



### Strataglass

Every 1-2 Weeks



1

**Rinse down clears** thoroughly with a hose to remove any salt or dirt

2

**Spray IMAR Protective Cleaner directly on the inside** and outside surfaces of the Strataglass or directly onto a microfibre cloth.



3

**Gently wipe** the Strataglass **surface to clean**. If necessary, buff dry with another dry clean cloth



**IMAR Protective Cleaner** should always be on hand for emergency spot cleaning of any harmful liquids, creams, chemicals or sprays that may contact the Strataglass surface



Every 4-6 Weeks



Every 4-6 weeks it is **imperative to polish your clears**

- This is the **most important maintenance procedure to extend the life of the clears and maintain the warranty**.
- Make sure you only work with a small section at a time.

4

Make sure the Strataglass is **clean and dry** using above steps 1-3.

5

**Apply a light coat of IMAR Protective Polish** on both the inside and outside surfaces with small, light circular motions using a new microfibre cloth.

6

Allow the polish to quickly dry. **Immediately lightly buff** with a new microfibre cloth to remove any white residue. Over time, with multiple applications, the polish will build up a strong protective barrier.



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\* This advice is given in good faith and should not be considered a guarantee. If you have any doubt about cleaning a particular item, please consult a professional boat detailer. \*